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1. A sprayable hotmelt adhesive with a viscosity of 500 to 4,000 mPas at 150°C, characterized by the following composition:

5 A) 30 to 70% by weight of at least one poly- $\alpha$ -olefin or poly- $\alpha$ -olefin mixture with a softening point (ring-and-ball method) of 70 to 130°C and a melt viscosity at 190°C of 1,000 to 20,000 mPas,

10 B) 5 to 30% by weight of at least one oil,

C) 20 to 60% by weight of at least one hydrocarbon resin with a softening range of 70 to 140°C and

15 D) optionally additives.

2. A hotmelt adhesive as claimed in claim 1, characterized by a viscosity of 700 to 1,900 mPas at 150°C, as measured in accordance with

15 ASTM D 3236-88.

3. A hotmelt adhesive as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the poly- $\alpha$ -olefin or the poly- $\alpha$ -olefin mixture is substantially amorphous and the poly- $\alpha$ -olefin has the following monomer composition:

20 - 3 to 75% by weight of an  $\alpha$ -olefin containing 4 to 10 carbon atoms,

- 25 to 95% by weight of propene and

- 0 to 20% by weight of ethene.

4. A hotmelt adhesive as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the poly- $\alpha$ -olefin or the poly- $\alpha$ -olefin mixture has a melt viscosity at 190°C of 2,000 to 15,000 mPas.

25 5. A hotmelt adhesive as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the poly- $\alpha$ -olefin has a density of <0.90 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, a needle penetration of 8 to 4.0 mm, a molecular weight as determined by gel permeation chromatography of at most 100,000 (weight average) or at least 4,000 (number average), the difference between the weight average and the number average

30 molecular weight being no more than six times the number average.

6. A hotmelt adhesive as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the poly- $\alpha$ -olefin mixture contains at least one poly- $\alpha$ -olefin with a melt viscosity of 40,000 to 60,000 and at least one poly- $\alpha$ -olefin with a melt viscosity of 3,000 to 10,000 Pas at 190°C.

5 7. A hotmelt adhesive as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the paraffinic oil is a medicinal white oil.

8. A hotmelt adhesive as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the hydrocarbon resin is a hydrocarbon resin containing 5 to 9 carbon atoms.

9. A hotmelt adhesive as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the 10 additive is at least one substance of the following group: heat and light stabilizer, optical brightener, antistatic agent, lubricant and antiblocking agent, nucleating agent, dye, pigment or flame retardant.

10. A hotmelt adhesive as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that components B and C together make up at least 30% by weight, preferably 15 at least 35% by weight and more preferably at least 45% by weight of the sum of components A+B+C.

11. A hotmelt adhesive as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that components A, B and C are selected so that the viscosity at 100°C is in the range from 5 to 15 Pas  $\pm$  15, more particularly  $\pm$  10%, as a function of the 20 shear rate of 2 to 250 [sec $^{-1}$ ].

12. A process for the production of the hotmelt adhesive claimed in (at least one of claims 1 to 11), characterized in that the raw materials are mixed in an inert gas atmosphere and/or in a vacuum at temperatures of 150 to 200°C.

13. The use of the hotmelt adhesive claimed in (at least one of claims 1 to 11) for structural bonding in sanitary products, more especially for bonding diapers, panty liners and sanitary napkins.

14. The use of the hotmelt adhesive claimed in (at least one of claims 1 to 11) for bonding films, more particularly of polyolefins, and nonwovens,

30 more particularly of polypropylene, the application temperature being

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between 120 and 180°C and preferably between 140 and 160°C, the coating weight being between 2 and 10 and preferably between 3 and 4 g/m<sup>2</sup> and the application rate preferably being between 50 and 400 m/min.

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